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AMENDMENT

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Sir:

This Amendment (including Exhibits A-D) and Request for Continued Examination are being filed in response to the Notice of Defective Appeal Brief mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on July 6, 2009 in the above-identified application. In lieu of filing an Amended Appeal Brief, Applicant's Attorney is filing a Request for Continued Examination and an Amendment in response to the Office Action mailed June 27, 2006 concurrently herewith. Reconsideration and further examination are requested.

An extension of time to respond to the Office Action is respectfully requested. A Petition for Extension of Time and the appropriate fee are being filed concurrently with this Amendment. Pursuant to the Notice of Defective Appeal Brief mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark

Office on July 6, 2009, an extension of time is available pursuant to 37 CFR §1.136(a) and 37 CFR §41.37.

Please amend the application as follows: